

further impregnating the carrier in the area previously impregnated with an aqueous solution including a metal salt, TAPS and TRIS; and drying the carrier; the pH of the finished test device being no greater than 7.0.

4. The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein said carrier is bibulous.

5. A test strip for the detection of ketone bodies in body fluids comprising an absorbing material, said ab-

sorbing material impregnated with a nitroprusside salt, and thereafter impregnated with a metal salt and the combination of TAPS and TRIS wherein the test strip has a pH no greater than 7.0.

6. A composition for the detection of ketone bodies in body fluids comprising, in combination, a dry mixture of a nitroprusside, a metal salt, TAPS and TRIS, said composition having a pH no greater than 7.0.

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